

In the Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A method comprising recognizing a security document and, in response, directing a web browser to a web site related to the document.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising presenting to a user a substitute image from the web site.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising presenting a user with supplemental information relating to the recognized security document, or to its permitted use, from the web site.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1 that includes recognizing a security document by a digital watermark encoded therewith.

5. (Original) A computer storage medium having instructions stored thereon for causing a computer to perform the method of claim 1.

6-17. (Canceled)

18. (Previously Presented) An automated method comprising:
recognizing a government-issued security document; and
in response to recognition of such document, contacting a web site that provides information concerning reproduction of the document.

19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18 in which the web site provides information about counterfeiting and penalties.

20. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 18 in which An automated method comprising:

recognizing a government-issued security document; and

in response to recognition of such document, contacting a web site that provides information concerning reproduction of the document, wherein the web site informs a user that reproduction of the document is illegal, but offers substitute image data generally corresponding to said document.

21. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 20 in which the substitute image data is encoded with tracking information.

22. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 20 in which the web site solicits user registration information before providing substitute image data.

23. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18 in which the web site provides guidelines for legitimate use of security document images.

24. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18 wherein the security document comprises a banknote.

25. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18 wherein said recognizing is performed by a scanner.

26. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 25 wherein said recognizing is performed by driver software in the scanner.

27. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18 wherein said recognizing is performed by a general purpose computer.

28. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18 wherein said recognizing includes decoding steganographically encoded data from visible light scan data corresponding to said document.

29. (New) The method of claim 1 that includes directing the web browser to a web site which informs a user that reproduction of the document is illegal, but offers substitute image data generally corresponding to said document.
